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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 186923; (B) ABIDJAN 7740

1. WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR AS SPOKESMAN, AMBASSADORS/CHARGES OF SEVEN BONN SUMMIT COUNTRIES MADE JOINT DEMARCHE AND PRESENTED NOTE VERBALE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AKE AUGUST 24. WE TRANSMITTED TEXT OF BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION, AND INVITED GOIC ADHERENCE AND PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF ITS SUPPORT.
2. AKE THANKED US AND PROMISED GOIC WOULD STUDY OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WHICH, HE ASSURED US, WOULD BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY.
3. AKE ASKED WHAT WAS THE REACTION OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH THE SEVEN HAD APPROACHED. WE SAID WE DIDN'T KNOW YET SINCE ALL WERE BEING APPROACHED MORE OR LESS SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE SEVEN INTENDED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION TO UN. WE REPLIED THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW, BUT THE EFFORT WAS TO FIND A PRACTICAL WAY TO DISCOURAGE HIJACKING BY GETTING AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE BONN DECLARATION.

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4. AKE COMMENTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM CONCERNED US ALL, BUT WENT ON TO RECOUNT THE DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS FROM WHICH THE ISSUE HAD BEEN APPROACHED AND THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT HAD ARISEN AT THE UN IN TRYING TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM. HE CONFIRMED GOIC INTEREST IN THE ISSUE, WHILE RUMINATING THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW IF BONN SUMMIT APPROACH WAS NECESSARILY THE BEST METHOD. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE DIDN'T THINK GOIC WOULD TAKE ANY ISOLATED ACTION,

BUT RATHER WOULD WANT TO CONSULT ITS FRIENDS.

5. COMMENT: AKE'S INITIAL REACTION SUGGESTS THAT GOIC WILL WANT TO AVOID GETTING IN FRONT OF ITS THIRD-WORLD ASSOCIATES IN LINKING ITSELF PUBLICLY WITH THE BONN DECLARATION. AT THE SAME TIME, GOIC INSTINCTS ON THE BASIC ISSUE OF HIJACKING ARE VERY GOOD. WE EXPECT THAT GOIC WILL WANT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, PRESUMABLY WITH ITS AIR AFRIQUE PARTNERS AT A MINIMUM. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE BONN SEVEN COULD INFORM GOIC WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES ARE LINING UP WITH BONN DECLARATION, ESPECIALLY WHICH ONES HAVE GONE PUBLIC OR HAVE EXPRESSED INTENTION TO DO SO.
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